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REMARKS

In order to promote administrative efficiency and better communication, the Examiner is invited to make suggestions at any time during the proceedings, via phone, fax or e-mail, whenever such suggestions are within the Examiner's discretion as an aid to placing the claims in order for allowance in a timely manner.

Examiner's Point 1 & 2: Claim Rejections §112

The Examiner rejected claim 16 under §112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended this claim to make it definite. It is believed therefore to be in condition for allowance.

Examiner's Points 4-7, Rejection §103 and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12 and 15 and indicated claims 10, 11 and, with stipulations, claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and has amended the currently pending claims to depend on an allowable claim or an independent claim previously withdrawn but amended to include essential limitations which Applicant believes distinguish them from the prior art as is apparent from the Examiner's comments. Consequently, it is believed that claims 3 and 6-36 are allowable. Acknowledgment of this fact is respectfully requested.